

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021  
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE  
LANCASTER, CA**

**Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, *Chair*, City of Lancaster  
Austin Bishop, *Vice Chair*, City of Palmdale  
Newton Chelette, Public Member  
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County  
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County  
Steven Hofbauer, City of Palmdale  
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **HOWARD HARRIS** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board for 2022:

Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Chair of the Governing Board for 2022. Board Member **CHELETTE** nominated Board Member **CRIST** for Chair, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried unanimously, Board Member **CRIST** was elected Chair for 2022. Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Governing Board for 2022. Board Member **CRIST** nominated Board Member **BISHOP** for Vice Chair, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, Board Member **BISHOP** was elected Vice Chair for 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- ❖ Chair **CRIST** called for **PUBLIC COMMENT**. At this time, no public comment was made in person, telephonically or electronically, moved onto **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CONSENT CALENDAR** – The following consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Upon motion by Board Member **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members, **AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN**, on the Consent Calendar, as follows

**Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 16, 2021.**  
Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 16, 2021.

**Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

**Received and Filed Monthly Grand Funding Summary.**

**Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

**Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.**

**Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$120,402.02 for October 2021 expenditures.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

**Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$120,402.02 for October 2021 expenditures.

**Agenda Item #5 – Receive and file the Financial Report. This Preliminary Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at October 31, 2021.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

**Received and filed** the Financial Report. This Preliminary Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at October 31, 2021.

**Agenda Item #6 – Ratification of Board Chairman’s determination pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3) finding state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Adopt a resolution reaffirming the local Declaration of Emergency as adopted on April 27, 2020; ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor on March 4, 2020; and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for the period of December 21, 2021 through January 18, 2022 pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/ APCO.

**Adopted Resolution 22-01 “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT(“DISTRICT”) PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20, N-29-20 AND N-35-20, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR A THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.”**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #7 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$134,000 to AV Farming to replace older diesel-fueled farm equipment with zero emissions technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the background information and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, upon motion by Board Member **HOFBAUER**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members, **AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN**, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$134,000 to AV Farming to replace older diesel-fueled farm equipment with zero emissions technology; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.

**Agenda Item #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$285,000 to Gene Wheeler Farms for the replacement of older diesel farm equipment with newer, cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the background information and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, upon motion by Board Member **BISHOP**, seconded by Board Member **HOFBAUER**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members, **AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN**, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$285,000 to Gene Wheeler Farms for the replacement of older diesel farm equipment with newer, cleaner technology; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.

### **Agenda Item #9– Reports.**

#### **Governing Board Counsel –**

- Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all.

#### **Executive Director/APCO –**

- Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, updated the Board on the Lawn & Garden Program. Chair Crist requested that staff look into other supply chains for future lawn and garden programs and report the findings back to the Board at the January 2022 Governing Board meeting.
- Ms. Lods also informed the Board that the AV Office is ready for moving into the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds offices in late January 2022. At this time, Chair Crist stated that the Governing Board meetings will be held at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority offices commencing January 2022.

#### **Staff –**

- No report.

### **Agenda Item #10 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.**

- All Board Members wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays.

### **Agenda Item #11 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2022.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**APPROVED**

Upon motion by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, seconded by **STEVEN HOFBAUER**, as approved by the following vote:

**Ayes: 6 BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER, MANN**

**Noes:**

**Absent: 1 HARRIS**

**Abstain:**

**DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST**

**BY *Deanna Hernandez***

**Dated: January 18, 2022**